

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) invite citizens to a public meeting to present the Water Quality Implementation Plan (IP) to address fecal coliform bacteria impairments in the Lower Blackwater River, Maggodee Creek and Gills Creek. These Franklin County streams were identified as impaired due to violations of Virginia's water quality standards for fecal coliform bacteria. DEQ and DCR seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the IP. The IP is a clean-up plan that identifies ways to meet the pollution reductions outlined in Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies. The TMDLs for these impairments were completed and approved by EPA in 2001 and 2002 and are available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl>.

The final public meeting on the development of the IP for the Lower Blackwater River, Maggodee Creek and Gills Creek impairments will be held on:

**Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at 7:00pm**

**Burnt Chimney Elementary School**

**80 Burnt Chimney Road**

**Wirtz, Virginia**

The purpose of the meeting is to present and discuss the draft implementation plan for the fecal coliform impairments. Section 62.1-44.19.7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP includes the corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts. The IP also provides measurable

goals and a timeline of expected achievement of water quality objectives. A fact sheet on the development of the IP is available upon request. The impaired segments addressed in the plan are:

- Lower Blackwater River: 20 miles from river mile 35.8, northwest of Rocky Mount to the upper reaches of Smith Mountain Lake
- Maggodee Creek: 21.2 miles to the confluence with the Blackwater River
- Gills Creek: 27.9 miles to the confluence with Smith Mountain Lake

How to comment: The public comment period for this public meeting will end on January 9, 2005. Oral comments will be accepted and addressed at the public meeting. Additional questions or information requests should be addressed to Jason Ericson. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to:

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